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R. L. Kimble To Direct New Pa. Meat Animal Evaluation Center

HARRISBURG — State Secretary of Agriculture Leland H Bull has announced the appointment of Robert L Kimble, Bellefonte R2, as director of the new Meat Animal Evaluation Center at University Park

The center, aimed at the efficient production of quality meat, has been erected by the State Department of Agriculture on the grounds of the Penn State University with General State Authority financing It is scheduled to start operating in mid-January

Kimble, a native of Tioga county where he graduated from Liberty Joint High School, earned a bachelor of science degree in animal husbandry from the University, and for the past six years has been on its county agricultural agent staff.

He has been associate agent in Centre county where he had charge of the extension livestock program In college he was a member of the livestock judging team and was treasurer of the Little International Livestock Show and the Block and Bridle Club

Five Area Cows Get "Excellent" Classification

Five Lancaster County registered Holsteins on four Lancaster County dairy farms have been officially classified "Excellent", according to the Holstein-Friesian Association of America.

This highly-coveted designation is applied only to animals scoring 90 or more of the 100 possible points representing perfection in body conformation.

Two cows in the herd of J. Robert Hess, Strasburg R1, scored "E" for the first time— Bachlea Ridge Citation Silver, 91 points; Moo-Haven Queenie Gracious, 90 points.

Groffdale Reflection Delight, owned by Robert C. Groff, Quarryville R3, scored 91 points

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Clement W. Squires

Conservation Tech. Squires To County SCS

Conservation technician Clement Squires recently began a new assignment with the federal Soil Conservation Service in Lancaster County, according to an announcement this week by SCS County work unit conservationist Orval A Bass

Squires, who has been with

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1967 Outlook For Farmers Good On Gross; Slightly Lower On Net Returns

by Don Timmons

Farmers in Pennsylvania and in the nation can expect an increase in cash receipts in 1967, according to the 'outlook specialists" in the U S Department of Agriculture

The economists tell us that prices of some commodities will be higher — notably, milk, beef, and some grains But on the down-side, government payments to farmers will be less and production costs will continue their upward spiral

In summary, economists see a net farm income in the coming year that may be as much as five percent under the near-record level set in 1966, still well above most other recent years.

PER CAPITA CONSUMPTION

Although food prices are not expected to go up as much next year as they did in 1966, they will be higher the experts say However, food expenditures will not increase as rapidly as consumers' disposable income So, will they eat more, or less?

On the grain side, consumers will eat more, say the economists, anticipating more plentiful grain supplies They look for consumption of livestock products to hold about steady however

The demand for food goes beyond state and national borders It is impossible to estimate food consumption without considering what purchases the military will require, whether the state of the war in Vietnam will accelerate or decelerate, and what foreign demand will be.

World food shortages in 1966 stimulated a strong, worldwide demand and exports reached new highs U. S. population continues to increase. We conclude that, although per capita consumption of food

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Care Urged In Handling 1966 Tobacco Crop

Growers attending either of the two Agway meetings Tuesday at the New Holland warehouse were urged to use special care in handling the 1966-crop tobacco because of the high stem moisture and shed frozen leaves on late maturing tobacco.

Ray Link, sales specialist for the Agway tobacco division said, "This is a different crop than you've had for three or four years The late tobacco has a lot of gum in it, and should be stripped on the dry side"

USDA grader Leonard Ford told the growers, "The small, late tobacco has done all the curing it's going to do If you have some of this, have it isolated and marked We feel the best advice we can give is to take the fillers off and straight strip the rest"

Both Ford and Mark S. Hess, director of Agway's tobacco division, stressed that they were not running down the 1966 crop as a whole, although they felt that on the average it was not up to 1965-crop quality. How much actual shed damaged tobacco there is around the county has not yet been fully assessed, Hess said.

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Farm Calendar

December 29 — 7 30 p m , Ephrata Adult Farmer Class, "Income Taxes"

December 30 — 1 30 p m., Lancaster County Farmers Assn meeting on "Eminent Domain Laws", at Mount Joy Fire Hall.

— 1:30 p.m., 4-H Corn & Tobacco Exhibit at Bayuk Cigar Co. Warehouse, 850 North Water Street, Lancaster.

FROM ALL OF US AT LANCASTER FARMING TO ALL OF YOU — A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!

LCFA To Air Eminent Domain Laws Dec. 30th.

The Lancaster County Farmers' Association will hold a meeting at the Mount Joy Fire Hall to discuss and review some of the laws of Eminent Domain, association president Noah Wenger of Stevens R1 announced this week

The meeting, which will be held on the 30th of December, Friday, at 1 30 p m , will feature Hollis Hatfield, administrative secretary of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

"This meeting is being held in the Mount Joy area" Wenger said "because landowners in that vicinity have expressed concern over land condemnations making way for the proposed By-Pass" But Wenger stressed that the meeting did not indicate any official resistance to the By-Pass, nor to its

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Weather

A White Christmas? You better believe it! The weatherman is calling for temperatures to average below the normal range of 39 to 24 degrees with cold readings prevailing throughout the period, Saturday through Wednesday.

Snow for our area is scheduled for Saturday. The weatherman says amounts will probably be greater than ½-inch, melted — that means more than five inches of actual snow. He doesn't think this has the makings of a really big storm though. We're going to second-guess him this time, and look for amounts of the white stuff approaching 10 inches! Just got that feelin', folks.

MARKET NEWS REPORT

At Lancaster Yards

Weekly Review

December 23, 1966

CATTLE 1400 — Slaughter steers steady to weak, instances 25c Lower. Cows 25-50c Higher Bulls fully steady. Feeder steers fully steady: With some strength on weights over 950 lbs Supply included an estimated 40 percent Slaughter steers. 20 percent Cows and Bulls with the balance largely Feeder steers.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Choice 1050-1390 lbs. $25 00-26 10, including load Choice with End of Prime 1200 lbs $26 00, Mixed Good and Choice 950-1250 lbs 24 75-25.50, Good 24 00-25 00, Standard to Low $22 50 23 75, Utility 20.00-22 00.

HEIFERS — One Lot Choice 1025 lbs 23 50

COWS — Utility and High

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Auction Only

December 21, 1966

CATTLE 234 — Slaughter steers fully steady. Cows 25-50 Higher. Bulls mostly steady on small supply.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Choice 1050-1250 lbs. 25.50-26.-10, High Good to Low Choice 950-1250 lbs. $25.00-25.60, Good $24.00-25.00, Standard to Low Good 22.50-23.75, Utility 20 00-22 00

COWS — Utility and High Yielding Cutter 17 50-19 00, few head 19 50-20.00, Cutter 16 75-18.00, Canner and Low Cutter 14.75-16 75

BULLS — Good 23 25-25 00, Individual Choice $25 35, Utility and Commercial $22 25-25.-25.

CALVES 152 — Good and Choice Vealers $1 00-2 00 Lower Cull to Standard about steady

VEALERS — Choice $40 00-42 50 Good 37 50-40 50 Standard $34 00 38 00 Utility 27 50 34 00, Cull 23 50 27 00 70-90 lbs 17 00 19 50

HOGS 222 — Barrows and gilts mostly steady

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Vintage Auction

December 20, 1966

CATTLE 401 — Slaughter steers steady to 25c Higher, strength on weights under 1200 lbs. Cows 50 to mostly $1 Higher. Bulls scarce, Supply included 33 percent Cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Choice 950-1300 lbs 25 25 26 75, around a dozen head 26.85-27.35, High Good to Low Choice 24.75-25 75, Good 23 50-25, Standard to Low Good 22 50-24.

SLAUGHTER HEIFERS — Choice 800-985 lbs. 23-24 25, Good 20 50-23.25.

COWS — Utility and High Yielding Cutter 18-19 75, Three head 20-21 10, Cutter 16 50-18-25, Canner and Low Cutter 15-17.

BULLS — Good and Choice 23 75-26 85, Utility and Commercial 22 75-25 10

FEEDER STEERS — Few Good and Choice 820-965 lbs 23 75-24 50

CALVES 339 — Vealers steady to $1 Higher

VEALERS — Choice 42 50-44 50 Good 37 50-41, Standard 33 50-37, Utility 27-33, Cull 24 50-27 50 70-90 lbs $22-24 50

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New Holland Auction

December 22, 1966

CATTLE 445 — Slaughter steers about steady. Cows 50 to mostly $1.00 higher. Bulls mostly steady. Supply included 38% cows.

SLAUGHTER STEERS — Choice 950-1325 lb. $25.25-26.10, few head $26 25-26 75. High Good to Low Choice $24.75-25.-75, Good $24 00-25 10, Standard to Low Good $22 75-24 00.

COWS — Utility and High yielding Cutter $18 00-20 00, Six head $20 10-21 35 Cutter $17 00-18 50, Canner and Low Cutter $15 50-17.00.

BULLS — Good $23 35-25 00, few Choice $25 35-26 50. Utility $23 00-25.60.

CALVES 353 — Good and Choice vealers steady to $2 00 higher, Cull to Standard steady to weak

VEALERS — Choice $40 50-43 00 few $46 00 46 50 Good $38 00-41 00 Standard $33 50-37 50 Utility $28 00 33 50, Cull $22 50-26 50, 70 90 lb $20 50-22 50

COWS

December 21, 1966

Fresh cows sold steady as receipts totaled 93 cows, 3 bulls and 1 heifer Holsteins, 450-675, Guernseys 115 300 other breeds, 300 450 Bulls 150-300

HORSES

December 19, 1966

Horses sold steady as 266 head went on the block. Riding horses, 135-225; driving horses, 125-235; killers, 5-5½ cents per lb. Pony mares, 20-40; geldings, 15-30. No mules listed.

HOGS

December 19, 1966

A steady to 25-cent higher trend prevailed as 622 head sold. Retail, 23-24.25; wholesale (U. S. 1-3), 22.25-23; heavyweights, 21 50-22; sows, 17-20.

CALVES

December 19, 1966

Receipts totaling 138 head sold steady on Good to Prime calves with Common $1-$2 lower Choice and Prime, 36-41.50; Good and Low Choice, 32 50-35 50, Standard, 26-31 50; Common. 15-23

Chicago Cattle

Weekly Review

CATTLE — Receipts 21,100 as compared with 26,000 last week and 22 000 a year ago. Twelve market receipts 148,500 as compared with 189,700 last week and 161 800 a year ago. Slaughter steers 25-75 higher, generally 50 up Slaughter heif-

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HOLIDAY MARKET SCHEDULE

The Lancaster Stock Yards will be closed to trading December 26th., Christmas Holiday, and January 2nd., New Year's Holiday. Markets will be held Tuesday, December 27th. and Tuesday, January 3rd.

The Vintage Auction will operate Saturday, December 24th. and Saturday, December 31st.

The New Holland Auction will not operate Monday, December 26th. The Auction will operate as usual Monday, January 2nd.

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Weekly Poultry Report

Eastern Pennsylvania And New Jersey
WEEKLY SUMMARY

LIVE HENS

Prices on light hens unchanged to 1c higher. Demand fair. Offerings adequate in New Jersey but less freely available in Penna. section. Movement from North Carolina, New York State and New England continues brisk at some area processing plants. Buying interest for heavy hens light for fully adequate offerings. Advices indicate some 7-8# roasters, open market, were slow in clearing. Prices paid at farm: Light Hens 6-7c; Heavy Hens 14c.

Fogelsville

December 20, 1966

(Prices paid dock weights, c per lb. except where noted)

Hens, Light, 6½-10½, mostly 6½-8; Hens, Heavy, 8-20½, mostly 12-16; Pullets, 20-27, mostly 23-26½; Roasters, 8-27½, mostly 18-25½; Capons, 23½-53½, mostly 42½-48; Ducks,, 9-30½, mostly 20-25; Drakes, 20½-43, mostly 35-43; Geese, 28-46, mostly 33½-43; Turkeys, Toms, 18-30½, mostly 21½-27; Turkeys, Hens, 18-38, mostly 28½-33; Rabbits, 25-51, mostly 40-50; Guineas, 40-50, mostly 45-50, Pigeons (per pair), 65-1 40, mostly 65-85; Jumbo Squab, 90.

Total Coops Sold: 1,139

Eastern Shore Exchange
WEEKLY SUMMARY

Weekly lot-average broiler and fryer live prices recovered somewhat with a gain of nearly 1 cent to average 11.48 cents per lb.

A stronger trend was reflected throughout the week with prices ranging from 10.0 cents on Monday to a high of 13.6 cents on Thursday.

Sales for the week, though stronger than last week, were still on the downside at 777,-600 head.

● Lancaster

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Yielding Cutter 17.25-19.00, few head 19.50-20.00, Cutter 16.50-18.00, Canner and Low Cutter 14 50-16.75.

BULLS — Choice 24.75-25.-50, Good 23.25-25.00, Utility and Commercial 22.25-24 50, Several 1300-1800 lbs. 25 00-25.-50.

FEEDER STEERS — Choice 950-1250 lbs. $24.00-24 50, two loads Good 600 lbs. $23.60, load Mixed Good and Choice 790 lbs. $23 50.

CALVES 560 — Vealers Good and Choice $1 00-2 00 Lower, Cull to Standard mostly steady.

VEALERS — Closing sales Choice - $40.00-42.50, few on Monday $44.50-46.00, Good closed at 37.50-40.50, Standard $34.00-38.00, Utility 27.50-34.00, Cull 23.00-27.00, A Few 70-90 lb. Cull $17.00-22.00.

HOGS 1160 — Barrows and gilts mostly steady. Sows steady to weak on small supply.

BARROWS AND GILTS — US 1-2 180-240 lbs. 22.75-23.-50, US 1, 195-235 lbs. 23 50-23 - 75, few $24.00-24 25, US 1-3 180-250 lbs. $22.00-22.60, US 2-3 185-250 lbs. $21.10-22.00, 250-280 lbs. $20.50-21.50, US 3, 200-230 lbs.

SOWS — US 1-3 300-450 lbs. 15.50-16 50, few US 1-2 $17.00-17.25, 2-3 400-600 lbs. 14.-50-15.50.

SHEEP 185 — Wooled slaughter lambs and Slaughter Ewes steady.

WOOLED LAMBS — Choice 70-95 lbs. $24.00-25.00, few head at 25.50, Good 65-100 lbs. 22 50-24.50, Utility 20.00-23.00.

SLAUGHTER EWES — Utility and Good $4 50-7.00.

● Vintage

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HOGS 165 — Barrows and gilts strong to 75c Higher

BARROWS AND GILTS — US 1-2 190-235 lbs. $24-24.50, US 1-3 180-235 lbs. $23-23 75, US 2-3 200-245 lbs $22-22 60.

SHEEP 30 — Wooled lambs fully steady.

WOOLED LAMBS — Choice 70-95 lbs. $26-27, Four head 60-75 lbs. 27 50-28, Good 22-25 50

Weekly New York Egg Mkt.

From Monday, December 19th to Friday, December 23rd

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Frl.
WHITE					
Ex. Fcy. Hywts.	45½	45	44½-45	44	40-41
Fcy. Hywts.	44½	43½	43-43½	40-41½	38-39
Fcy. Med.	41½	41½	41½	39½	34-35
No. 1 Med.	40	40	39½	38½	34
Pullets	36½	36½	36½	36	33-33½
Peewees	30	30	30	30	29
BROWN					
Ex Fcy. Hywts.	45½	45	44	44	41
Fcy Hywts.	44½	43½	43-43½	43	40
Fcy. Med.	41	41	41	40	36
Pullets	36½	36½	36½	36	33½
Peewees	30	30	30	30	29
MIXED					
Fcy. Hywts	44½	43½	43-43½	40-40½	38-39
Standards	43½	41-42	39-40	37½-38	35½-36
Checks	40	39	37	36	34½-35

TREND. Market lacking support and showing further offerings; overall position very irregular and unsettled.

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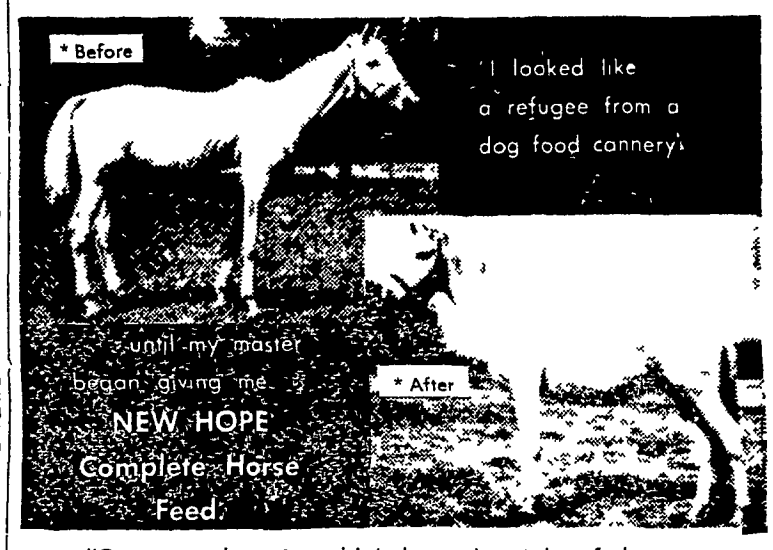

"Oats — ugh — I couldn't bear the sight of them — or hay either. Sometimes I could hardly catch my breath, and the least little trot made me cough 'til I thought I'd die.

"I had the heaves and I was miserable."

"Then my owner discovered New Hope Complete Horse Feed—no oats, nothing of any kind to stir up my allergies. My, how good it felt to really eat again, to be free from that terrible, hacking cough.

"If you're a victim of the heaves too, send your master as fast as he can go to get some Wayne New Hope Complete Horse Feed. Of course he has some other excellent horse feeds for horses that can still eat hay, but as for me, I'm sticking with Wayne New Hope Complete Horse Feed."

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From Where We Stand . . .

The Wonderful Worth Of A Farm Wife

Every so often, someone comes up with some statistics describing the dollar and cents value of a farm wife. Perhaps the constant pressure of inflation makes it necessary to periodically re-evaluate the farm wife's contribution to the family operation.

The latest calculation, based on a study conducted by FARM JOURNAL, finds that a farmer's wife is worth $150 a week.

Who says so? Well, as part of the study, a group of farm wives kept time-study records on their work. Hourly rates were assigned by the magazine to the different types of work. The result showed a 75-hour work week, with no overtime pay, for a total of $153 92.

On the break-down, the average wife spent 15.4 hours a week cooking, at $2 50 an hour, 10 9 hours as a governess, at $2 30, she spent 8 4 hours as a farm worker at $1 60. The rest of the work week was spent as housekeeper, dishwasher, laundress, buyer, seamstress, bookkeeper, and chauffeur.

So, Mr. Farmer, if you are not now paying your wife $150 a week for her countless contributions to the operation of the family farm, perhaps this season would be an especially appropriate time to wish her continued good health, happiness, love, and a very Merry Christmas!

Is There A Santa Claus?

WE TAKE PLEASURE in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West Ninety-Fifth St.

VIRGINIA, YOUR LITTLE friends are wrong They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how weary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your Papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You can tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view the picture in the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives! and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

—The New York Sun, Dec. 21, 1897

The above is probably the most widely reprinted editorial ever written. Compared with the elegance of this piece, whatever we might add would be less than the babbling of little children.

May we wish for you and your family all the faith, fancy, poetry, love and romance that the coming Christmas season brings

When Angels Have Gone

Lesson for December 25, 1966

Background Scripture Luke 2 1 40.
Devotional Reading Isiah 55 1 9.

It is possible to know the Nativity Story so well that it may no longer have the power to excite or challenge us. It may evoke sentimentality, but little awe and wonder. Christmas can become too popular for its own good.

Rev. Althouse

Tradition tells us that the ancient Hebrews so revered a flute upon which Moses was supposed to have played during his days as a shepherd in Midian that they decorated it with much gold and precious stones. Their decorative zeal, however, was the undoing of the flute, for they clogged-up and covered-over with ornamentation the tiny holes and apertures of the instrument. It was beautiful to behold, but it wouldn't play!

Too Beautiful

This happens also with the Nativity message. Centuries of ornamentation and embellishment — to say nothing of commercialization — have enhanced its beauty, but covered-over the essential meaning. It too is beautiful to behold, but the message is being buried beneath the layers of sentimentality and secularization.

Perhaps we might begin to see this story afresh if we were to put ourselves in the shoes of some of those who were participants. For instance, have you ever stopped to imagine how this wonderful event must have seemed to the shepherds? If today, while you are working at your usual place of employment, someone were to suddenly appear and announce that the Saviour of the world had just been born in nearby East Podunk and could be found lying in an animals' feed trough, how would you react? Would you believe it?

Wrong Address, Perhaps?

What happened to the shepherds in the fields outside Bethlehem was no less startling. Perhaps, had the visitors told them to go to the house of Jerusalem's high priest or the city's richest merchant, the story would not have seemed so incredible. But a Bethlehem manger! That was hardly the place one would expect to find the Messiah. When they arrived at the manger, they found that not only had the Messiah been born in the wrong surroundings in the wrong town, but he had had the misfortune of being born into the wrong family. Who would believe that the Saviour would be born to an upstate, backwoods carpenter and his bride-to-be?

Yet the shepherds could not doubt what they heard and saw. "Glory to God in the highest!" seemed to resound from the heavens. The visitors were bathed in a glorious light. It could not be a dream, a hallucination. The awe and fear they felt was real.

With Haste!

Then, suddenly the visitors were gone! Now the true test would begin. In the midst of an awesome and mysterious experience, we cannot help but respond. When it is over, however, the conditions are different. If we can go back to our work and shrug it off as if nothing had happened, that is one thing. But if we respond by acting upon the experience, that is something else. The true test occurs when the angels have gone away.

What the shepherds had seen and heard was fantastic, yet Luke tells us, "When the angels went away" the shepherds decided: "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." They went, not reluctantly, but "with haste." There was something of the modern scientific spirit in them: something has happened — let's see what it is!

For us, no less than the shepherds, of Bethlehem, the test occurs when the angels have gone away, when we are called upon to respond to the coming of Christ, not with words, but with deeds. When, in a few days, the bright and lyrical trappings of this day begin to fade, what will you do about the coming of Christ?

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York County FFA Member Named Region II Star Farmer For 1967

A York County Future Farmer George Snyder a 1966 graduate of Red Lion High School, moved in to what had traditionally been Lancaster County territory this week when he was named 1967 Star Farmer of the 12 county southeastern region of Pennsylvania

For at least the past four years, this honor has gone to a Lancaster County lad, and in three of those years the Region II candidate has gone on to become State Star Farmer

This latter distinction went to Harold Brubaker, Mount Joy R1, in 1964, to John Frey, Quarryville R2 in 1965, and to Glenn Weber, Mohnton R2, in 1966 Weber is currently president of the State FFA Association Kenneth Myer, Elizabethtown R3, was Region II Star Farmer in 1963

Snyder is the 19 year-old son of Mr and Mrs Charles W Snyder Red Lion R1 With the responsibility for the dairy herd and a 25 percent partnership in the operation of a second farm George owns 65 dairy animals his program includes 75 acres of corn, 55 of hay 10 of wheat, and 20 of barley

The five regional outstanding boys for 1967 will be recognized during the FFA Farm Show convention at Harrisburg on January 11 These regional winners were so designated because they outscored all other candidates from their respective regions for the highest FFA state degree, "Keystone Farmer", which will be awarded that day to 208 FFA members

Each FFA boy selected as Regional Star Farmer receives an award of $75 from the National FFA Foundation, Inc At the conclusion of the January 11 ceremony, one of the five will be designated as State Star Farmer, and will receive $200 instead of $75.

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Farmers Told How To Be Good Bosses

"What kind of a boss are you?" Wallace A Mitchelltree asked farmers during the Farm Labor Conference at the Delaware Crop Show, Nov 22 Dover Mitchelltree a Rutgers University community life specialist, stressed the importance of building good human relations in getting and keeping competent agricultural workers

He pointed out that while wages are vital in getting help other factors will affect whether they stay and how well they produce Such things as

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Now Is The Time . . .

By Max Smith, Lancaster County Agent

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To Provide Livestock Equipment

The proper handling of livestock to and from a show, sale, or market is very important to reduce handling losses Loading chutes are a very worthwhile investment and may be portable or permanent Catch gates for treating animals reduce excitement and permit safer handling Livestock producers are urged to take time this winter to provide these essential pieces of equipment to increase net returns

To Allow Outside Exercise

Cattle feeders are reminded of the need for fresh air and outside exercise for their fattening herd Most cattle will spend more time outside than inside if given the chance, regardless of weather To retain cattle inside of a building that is hot and poorly ventilated during the winter months is not making the best use of feed and labor.

To Store Chemicals Safely

The spraying season is about finished for this year, most gardeners and farmers should be finished with all kinds of pesticides for outside use Accurate identification of all materials is very important and small containers are best for home, most materials. Empty containers should be burned or buried Keep all materials out of reach of children and livestock Attention to safe storage of chemicals may prevent serious trouble in the future.

To Own a Stand-by Generator

Electric power is almost a necessity on most farms at all times Due to the high degree of automation in modern farming, normal chores become a huge labor problem when power is missing The winter snow season is at hand with the daily danger of broken power lines A stand-by generator that can furnish power with the use of the farm tractor or motor is considered to be a very good emergency investment.

Squires

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SCS in Oswego County, New York, for the past four and one-half years, presently resides at 37 Spring Garden Street, Elizabethtown, with his wife and two daughters.

Prior to joining SCS, Squires worked on dairy farms in New York State, and owned a 100-acre farm in Cayuga County.

He attended two of the New York State University schools, one at Cobleskill, one at Morrisville. He also attended the University of Nebraska, and took the SCS training program at Michigan State University.

In discussing Oswego County, N.Y., Squires noted that the big crops up that way — aside from deep snow — are onions, strawberries, and lettuce, all of which are raised under "muck" farming, and dairying.

Squires replaces conservation technician Harry Kordes in the Lancaster area. Kordes is now doing watershed work with SCS in Mercer County, Pa., Bass said.

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location, on the part of the Farmers' Association.

"We are interested in informing people of their rights in these cases, and Hatfield is well-qualified to discuss the subject," Wenger said.

The meeting will be open to the general public, Wenger added, and will deal solely with the purpose of informing landowners of what to do when their property is threatened by condemnation under Pennsylvania's Eminent Domain laws

Tobacco

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Hess added that, "We have not established the advance prices for this year's crop We are purposely delaying establishment for a number of reasons, including a fuller determination of the quality of the crop"

The director reported that the present inventory of the 1964 and 1965 tobacco includes less than 200,000 pounds each of 1964 C1 and C2 grades

Area Holsteins

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In the herd of Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown R1, Diana Pabst Willow Slope scored her "E" with 90 points.

Lassie Keyes Sovereign also scored 90 points She is owned by Paul B. Zimmerman, Ephrata R1.

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may change very little in the coming year, the total demand has only one way to go: up.

FARM INCOME

Prospects for increased farm income are always encouraging news, but they can be misleading First of all, they are general — talking about national farm income — lumping potatoes, beef, poultry, eggs, hogs, corn, and all other farm products One farmer, even in diversified Lancaster County, seldom produces all farm products Therefore, each is concerned about the income prospects of his own specialities.

Secondly, farmers in recent years are not being as easily influenced by the gross income figures. More and more, they're wondering, "How much of what I make do I keep after paying all my production costs". Net income, that's what enables a farmer, or any other businessman, to stay in business.

So, while farmers can expect to handle more money in 1967, the experts say that increased production costs will cut into the net income — again, this refers to farmers in general Those producing some commodities will undoubtedly enjoy higher net returns; others will find net gains reduced.

It looks from here like another year that holds promise for good income for farmers who will continue to strive for greater production efficiency, and who will continue to pay close attention to the business aspects of farming.

DAIRY PROSPECTS

Estimates for 1967 in dairying range from "good" to "best ever". Probably the truth lies somewhere between. One thing seems certain: dairymen can look forward to 1967 prices averaging above the 1966 level, and income from milk and cream higher than this year's record $5 6 billion.

The steep decline in cow numbers in the past two years is news to no one in the dairy business The cumulative effects of prolonged drought, better price alternatives in livestock production, and more off-farm employment opportunities, have taken their toll of dairy farmers Increased production per cow failed to offset the down trend in total milk production in 1966

But for those who stay in dairying the prospects are bright. According to one economist, the $4 price support level assures dairymen of higher milk prices in the first half of 1967 than in 1966, "and for all of 1967, prices likely will average higher than 1966". For the year, wholesale milk prices should average 35 to 40 cents per hundredweight over 1966.

Two factors which will combine to offset some of the dairyman's net income increase will be higher labor and feed costs.

Increased labor costs, reflected in the products he buys as well as in actual farm labor wages, will be felt most by the larger dairyman. Those whose milk herds get by primarily on family labor will pay higher costs on the products they buy.

Based on October 1 crop estimates, which didn't change much compared with Decembers' estimates, feed grain supplies for the first three quarters of 1967 will be about seven percent below the preceding year Despite a slightly increased supply of high protein feeds, strong demand in 1967 will strengthen feed prices.

It is also expected that imports of dairy products will reach 2 5 billion pounds milk equivalent, before 1966 is through. This is nearly a one-billion pound increase over 1965, and that trend is expected to carry into the new year.

But everything considered, the chances for increased profits for dairymen look good for 1967.

POULTRY OUTLOOK

More eggs and poultry are expected to be produced in 1967 with the net result of generally lower incomes for poultrymen. But, fortunately, there are some bright spots in this prediction.

Eggs

Egg production in 1966 totaled the same as last year, but in 1967 it may show the largest rise in more than a decade, say the experts. The combined production of all high protein foods — broilers, eggs, pork and beef — which have declined in recent months, will increase rapidly in early 1967. Consequently, prices for poultry and eggs will average below a year earlier during the first half of the coming year.

The lower prices could lead to some further pickup in exports of poultry products, offset this year by strong domestic demand In the second half of 1967, growth in total production of animal products may slow down as the uptrend in poultry and egg production is dampened by the lower prices and higher production costs, especially feed, that will prevail If beef production declines sharply after midyear, total per capita supplies of high protein foods may actually be smaller than a year ago in the second half of 1967. This may lead to a strengthening of poultry and egg prices later in the year.

But total egg production in 1967 may exceed this year's 182 million cases by three percent. Output during the first quarter could be up as much as five percent above a year earlier.

The buildup in pullet laying flocks, now underway, is expected to increase the rate of lay as well as total number of layers. Even if the hatch of replacement chicks were reduced sharply below a year earlier next spring, this would not begin to reverse the uptrend in egg production until the fourth quarter of 1967, say the experts.

The outlook report concludes that, if egg production expands as expected, egg prices could run below the 1966 level through 1967, adding that the difference probably would narrow as the year progressed.

Broilers

Look for broiler output in the first six months of 1967 to be up substantially from the first half of this year. The increased production may not run as high as the 15 to 20 percent rise in broiler breeders, however. In the second half of the year, the broiler industry will probably be in a better position.

Hatcheries will probably respond to lower broiler prices by reducing chick placements for supply flocks, but this adjustment requires about seven months to take effect; it won't improve prices significantly until the latter part of 1967.

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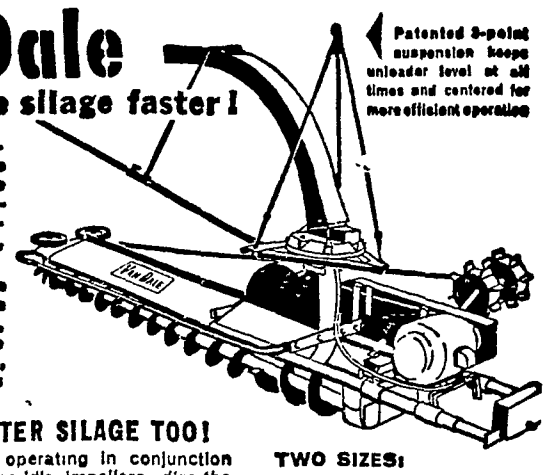

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Hogs

Total hog slaughter for this year was off about one percent from 1965, but the second half of the year alone ran eight percent ahead of the year before.

Prices of barrows and gilts at eight major markets averaged about $24 per hundredweight this year, approximately $2.50 above last year. This was the highest yearly average since 1948 for hogs.

For the coming year, it is predicted that hog slaughter will be up and prices down somewhat. Producers in the 10 corn belt states planned to farrow six percent more sows in the December 1966-February 1967 period than a year earlier.

Prices in 1967 can be expected to rise from early in the year to a high during the summer, and then decline to a low next fall. This will be a more normal seasonal pattern than existed in hog prices this year.

Part of the strength in hog prices, especially after midyear, will result from the smaller beef supplies. On balance, hog prices are expected to average moderately below 1966. However, they are expected to continue favorable, leading to further expansion into 1968.

Cattle

Fed cattle prices in 1967 will be higher and the price pattern will be much different than this year when prices were highest in the winter and early spring. In early 1967, prices will strengthen from current levels, but average below year-earlier levels. Further strengthening in the second half will raise average prices above year-earlier levels.

As the price outlook for cattlemen brightens, liquidation of cattle numbers may be slowed considerably in 1967, if not stopped, the experts say. As a result, cattle and calf slaughter will be somewhat smaller and beef and veal production will decline significantly for the first time since 1958. Slaughter of all classes of cattle is expected to be below 1966, with sharp reductions in cow and calf slaughter. The expected reduction in beef supplies, and continued brisk demand, points to strong cattle prices, with all classes of cattle benefitting.

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Farmer Bosses

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security, hospitalization benefits and being able to get time off for personal matters are important to the worker's well being and thus affect his work capacity.

It's up to the farm manager to build respect in the eyes of the worker. The better the opinion his hired hands hold for him, the more control he will have over them

The personality of the worker is a vital factor, according to Mitcheltree. The farmer must deal differently with the man who hopes for personal growth and recognition, than with the one who wants only food, exercise and comfort He must motivate the former, and provide needs for the latter.

With all help the farmer should act with dignity, treat his men with respect, be fair and consistent and provide good working conditions He must also know how to deal with mistakes so the help is not antagonized.

Mitcheltree also advised the farmers to learn to operate with an aura of prosperity. People like to work for those who are prosperous. He should, therefore, emphasize the good points, not the problems.

The importance of the worker's interview and orientation should not be overlooked. Invite the prospective worker to bring his wife to the interview, and, in the case of non-English speaking workers, get someone to translate a welcome to give the relationship a good start.

Members of a labor conference panel backed up Mitcheltree's views and assessed the local situation. They answered questions from the audience and discussed the feasibility of hiring local high school and college students to help alleviate the labor situation.

TAX PLANNING

(The following article is the third in a series of four articles on year-end tax planning prepared for this newspaper by the Committee on Taxation of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants.)

Tax Deduction For Child-Care Expenses

A frequently overlooked deduction to certain taxpayers is the deduction for child-care and disabled dependent care.

In addition to the dependency deduction, employed women and widowers may deduct up to $900 paid for the care of certain dependents. In order to claim the deduction, the taxpayer may be a woman, whether single, married, separated, divorced or deserted; but a man must be a widower, divorced or legally separated or have a wife who is incapacitated for at least 90 consecutive days.

A limited deduction of not more than $600 if one dependent is being cared for or $900 for two or more dependents, is available to a taxpayer who hires a maid or sitter or pays a nursery, boarding or day school for care of the dependent in order for the taxpayer to work at gainful employment. The child must be under the age of 13 or the dependent must be physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself and may be of any age.

If the husband is capable of self support, a joint return must be filed and the $600 (or $900, as the case may be) deduction is reduced by the excess of the couple's adjusted gross income over $6,000.

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FIRESIDE PUNCH

- 1 egg
- ¼ cup sugar
- 1 pint cranberry juice cocktail, chilled
- 2 cups orange juice, chilled
- ⅔ cup lemon juice, chilled
- 1 12-oz bottle ginger ale, chilled.

Place egg, sugar, cranberry juice cocktail and citrus juices in electric blender. Cover and blend at low speed for 1 minute. (Or, beat egg and sugar with rotary beater; add juices and beat until frothy). Pour into pitcher and add ginger ale Pour into ice-filled glasses, garnish with orange slices. Makes approximately 1½ quarts

CAROLLER'S PUNCH

- 1 quart boiling water
- 4 tea bags
- 2 sticks cinnamon
- ¾ teaspoon ground allspice
- ¾ cup sugar
- 1 cup orange juice
- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 1 pint cranberry juice cocktail

Pour boiling water over tea bags; add cinnamon and allspice; steep for 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and cinnamon Add sugar; stir until dissolved Add fruit juices; heat, but do not boil. Serve hot in individual mugs Garnish with orange or lemon slices. If desired, serve cold over ice Makes approximately 2 quarts.

TANGY ORANGE-CRANBERRY JUICE PUNCH

- ¼ cup lemon juice
- 2 cups orange juice
- ⅓ cup sugar
- 6 cups cranberry juice cocktail, chilled
- 1 12-oz. can pineapple juice, chilled
- 3 cups ice water

Combine lemon and orange juice with sugar; stir until sugar is dissolved. Add cranberry juice, pineapple juice and ice water. When ready to serve, pour over block of ice in punch bowl. Garnish with lemon and orange slices. Makes 25 punch-cup servings.

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Besides something to drink at a party, you need something to nibble at.

SPICED PECANS

- ½ cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon cinnamon
- ⅛ teaspoon cloves
- ⅛ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 egg white, slightly beaten

Combine sugar, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. Add pecans to slightly beaten egg white, a few at a time, rubbing pecans between fingers to coat evenly. Drop pecans into spices and stir to coat evenly. Place on buttered cookie sheet and

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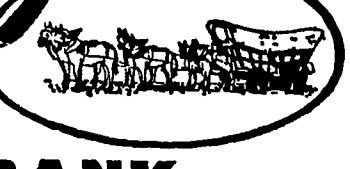

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CHOCOLATE PECAN FUDGE

1¼ cups milk
4 1 oz. squares unsweetened chocolate
3 cups sugar
2 tablespoons corn syrup
¼ cup (1 stick) butter
1 teaspoon vanilla
1½ cups coarsely chopped pecans

Heat milk and chocolate together in heavy pan over low heat until chocolate melts. Add sugar and corn syrup, stirring until sugar dissolves. Wash sugar crystals from sides of pan with damp cloth wrapped around a fork. Cook to 234 degrees or soft ball state, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat, add butter and let cool to 110 degrees, or lukewarm, without stirring. Add vanilla and pecans. Pour onto a buttered platter or pan. When set cut into squares and decorate with pecan halves. Yields about 3 pounds fudge.

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VANILLA PECAN FUDGE

1 pkg. vanilla pudding powder, not "instant" variety
1 cup sugar
½ cup evaporated milk
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
½ cup coarsely chopped pecans
Candied cherries

Combine all ingredients except cherries in heavy 1½ quart saucepan and stir until smooth Heat to a full boil, stirring constantly. Lower heat and keep stirring while mixture boils slowly 3 minutes. Remove from heat and beat until candy is thick and loses its shine. Spread in buttered 9x5-inch pan. Let stand until firm, cut into squares and decorate with cherries. Makes about 20 pieces.

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CANDIED GRAPEFRUIT, LEMON AND ORANGE PEEL

2 grapefruit OR
8 lemons OR
4 oranges
1 cup sugar
½ cup water
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
Granulated sugar

Wash grapefruit, lemons or oranges. Score peel into fourths and pull off sections. Place peel in saucepan with cold water to cover. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes. Drain peel Cover with fresh cold water; bring to a boil and boil 40 minutes. Drain peel; remove white membrane from inside peel with spoon or knife Cut peel into uniform strips with kitchen scissors. Combine 1 cup sugar, ½ cup water and syrup in saucepan. Boil until thick or 228 degrees on candy thermometer. Add peel. Cook until peel becomes transparent. Drain peel in colander or coarse sieve. Spread on waxed paper to cool. Roll in granulated sugar to coat completely. Store in airtight container. Makes about ¾ pound.

CHOCOLATE COVERED CANDIED PEEL

Melt 12-ounce package semisweet chocolate pieces; cool until just warm to the touch for best dipping consistency. Dip candied peel in chocolate and let dry on waxed paper in cool place until chocolate is firm.

FARM WOMEN NO. 3 CHRISTMAS MEETING

The Society of Farm Women, Group No. 3, held its annual Christmas meeting last Saturday in the Social Room of the Emanuel Lutheran Church, Brickerville. The hostess was Mrs Elam Shelly.

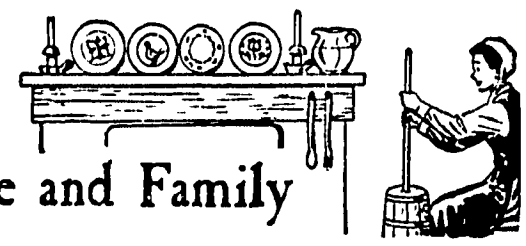
Reports were given by members attending the recent homemakers' meeting at the Dutch Town and Country Inn. Vice president Mrs. Willie D. Stober reported on the recent executive board meeting held at the home of president Mrs. William B. Eberly

Mrs Donald H Graybill, program chairman for 1967, distributed the yearbooks which outline the programs and events for the year.

The afternoon session featured group singing of Christmas Carols, and the History of the Carols was told by Mrs Robert E. Gregory She also read a story for the children titled "Jimmy Scarecrow".

Santa Claus visited the group and distributed gifts to children of the members, and to the 17 members who had perfect attendance for the year.

The next meeting will be held at the Schoeneck Fire Hall on January 21.



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By Doris Thomas, Extension Home Economist

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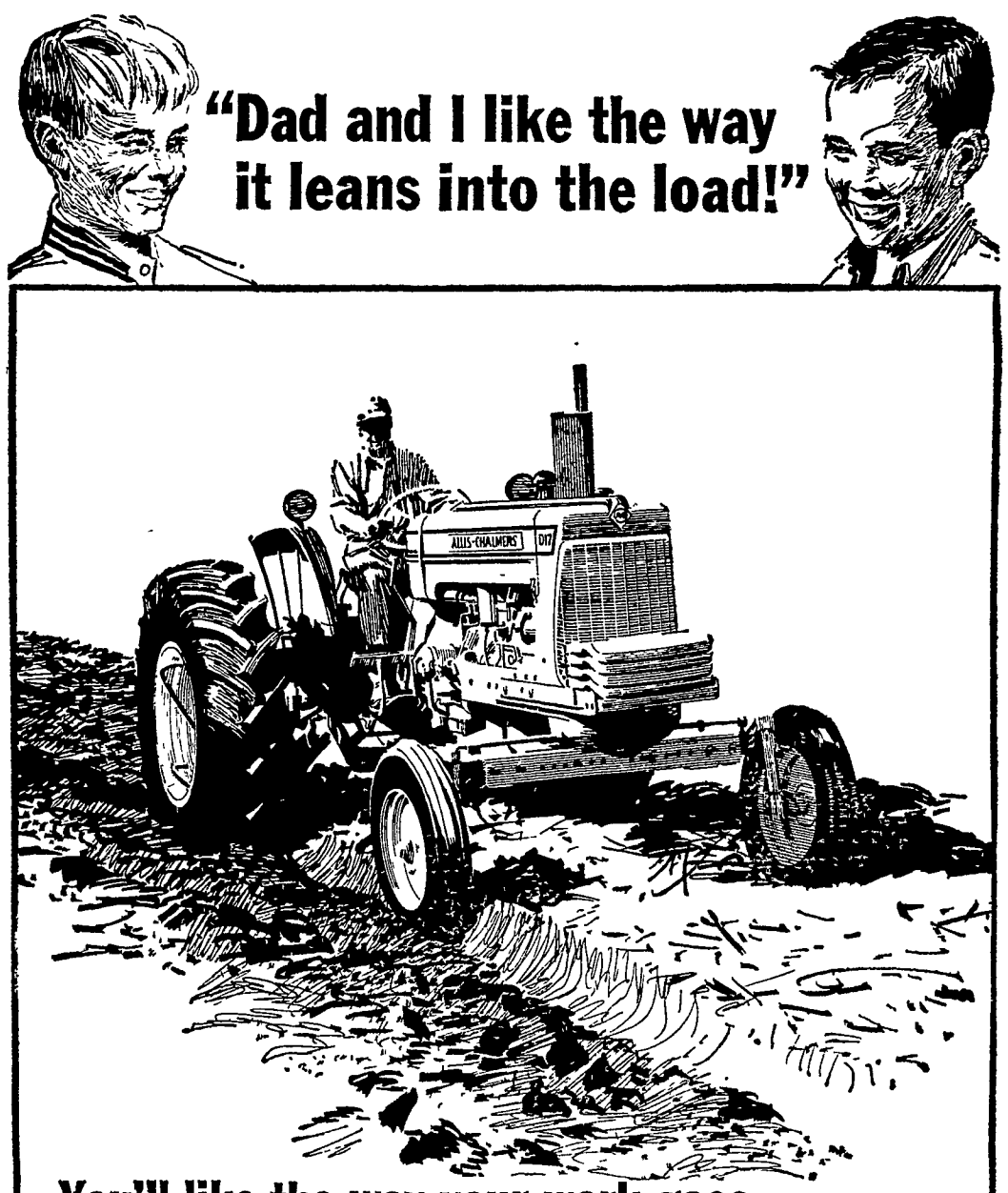
Don't burn those wrappings in the fireplace! Gather them when you upwrap presents and either burn them in an incinerator, or take outside for refuse collectors.

When you have candles as part of your holiday decorations, pay special attention to your small children . . . they are fascinated by the flame and could easily be burned.

If you plan to visit grandparents or friends for holiday festivities . . . drive carefully.



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The Home Economics Committee will serve a Christmas dinner to the Friendly Farmers Club.

The Community Progress Committee is receiving spectacles for "Eyes For The Needy." They also contributed Christmas gifts to the State Hospitals last week.

The following visitation schedule was announced for Lancaster County Granges for 1967 March 13 — Fulton host, Salisbury officers opening and closing the meeting and Colerain presenting the program. April 3 — Salisbury host, Colerain officers and Fulton program. June 20 — Colerain host, Fulton officers and Salisbury program.

There will be a party for county Grangers at the home of Pomona Master, Charles McSparran, Quarryville Saturday, January 7, at 8 p.m. The Youth Committee will be in charge of games. There will also be a class in code reading and ritualism.

The Lancaster County Pomona Grange #71 will hold a dinner meeting Saturday, January 21, at 7 p m. at the Rhoads Spanish Restaurant, Quarryville.

Miss Agnes Spence, Lecturer, presented the following program on the theme "My Home": Group singing "Home, Sweet Home"; Talk "What My Home Means To Me" by Mrs. Clifford W. Holloway, Jr.; The following also expressed thoughts on the same topic: Richard Nye, Mrs. Russel Hartsoe and Charles McSparran; poem "The Children's Hour" read by Clifford Holloway III. Group singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Hill will be in charge of games at the next meeting, December 26 and there will be a fifty cent Christmas gift exchange. A collection will be taken for the benefit of the Grange memorial chapel at Gettysburg.

● Chicago

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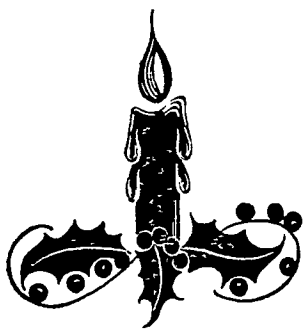

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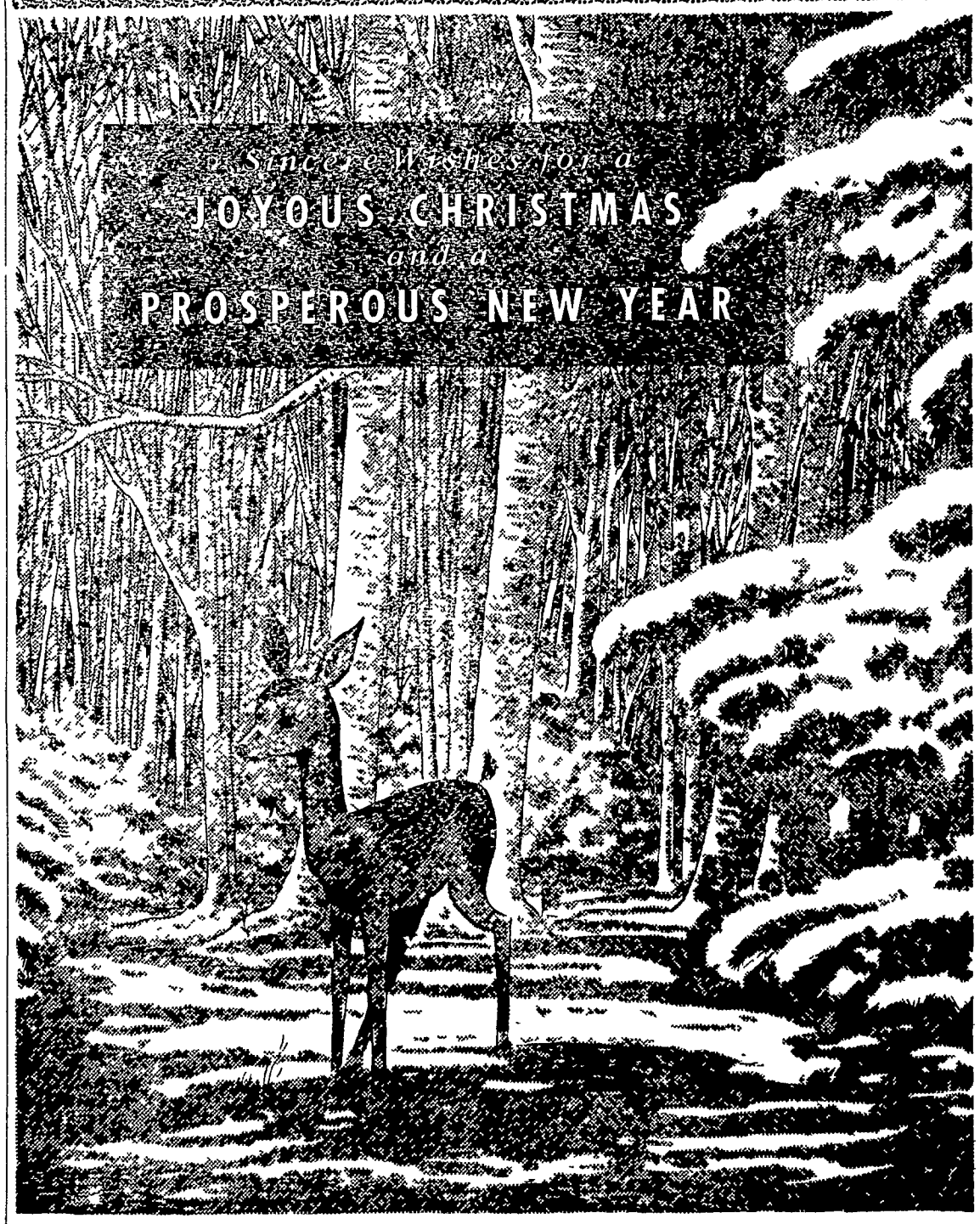

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The need for an immediate hearing by United States Department of Agriculture was apparent in the release from the Market Administrators office that showed dairy farmers in Order 2 were paid .60 cents a hundredweight more for their milk this November compared to November 1965, but less than they would have if certain provisions had been made, according to John Sliter, assistant manager of American Dairy Association and Dairy Council of New York, Inc

In making the announcement Sliter said "After a coordinated analysis the economists of Dairymen's League, Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative and Northeast Dairy Cooperative Federation, along with United Milk Producers Association of New Jersey, have jointly said "The 44 percent decline in fluid milk sales for November was due primarily to the adoption of the legalization of standardization in New York State, which took place on November 1, and amounted to some 13,000,000 pounds of milk not included in fluid sales

However the depressing effect of standardization is a temporary one and will be corrected at a hearing that is scheduled for January Such a request by the four milk cooperatives was made to the USDA as early as last September."

Sliter further said, "It is gratifying to see the milk cooperatives were among the first to realize that figures can be deceiving to dairymen, unless they know the true picture The program of fluid milk promotion and the continuing job of nutrition research conducted by the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council of New York, Inc. is one that will continue to work for the dairy industry to help in the sale of fresh fluid milk However if we are to meet the competition for fluid sales head on, than all dairymen in the milkshed must have a part in the program."

State YFA Holds Training Session

Five members of the Manheim Young Farmer Chapter last week were among 50 persons attending the one-day winter executive meeting of the Pennsylvania YFA Forney Longenecker, Lititz R3, president of the state association opened the morning business session of the Snyder County meeting This was followed by lunch in the West Snyder High School cafeteria.

A leadership training conference occupied most of the afternoon session. T. M. Malin, Lancaster-York vocational agriculture supervisor, led the group in a lively discussion on parliamentary procedures. This was followed by talks and discussions on public speaking by H. B. Gerhart and J. C. Fink. The subject of etiquette was discussed by W. W. Schrock.

SOLANCO FFA PLANS SPRING ACTIVITIES

The Solanco Chapter, Future Farmers of America, held its regular meeting recently in the school's vo-ag room.

Plans were discussed for basketball, the Parent and Son Banquet to be held in spring, and the possibilities of the chapter sponsoring a roller skating party.

Delegates elected to represent the chapter at County FFA meetings were: Freshman, Charles Smith; Sophomore, Donald Swinehart; Junior, Donald Young; and Senior, Fred Kreider

Garden Spot Awards 6 Chapt. Farmer Degrees

Jim Myer, Don Herr, Clair Esbenshade, Harold Welk, David Conner, and Scott Hanna were the recipients of Chapter Farmer Degrees awarded by the Garden Spot F.F.A. at a recent meeting at the Lampeter-Strasburg Junior-Senior High School.

Elections were also held. Jim Myer and Clair Esbenshade were elected as County Delegates. The Christmas Party was then discussed.

After the meeting, members engaged in a game of basketball, followed by refreshments.

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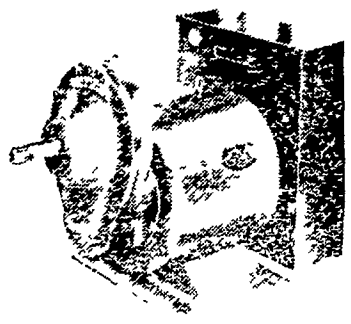

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